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SUBJ: AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY DELEGATION TO EUROPE

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1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS INFORMED USLO THAT YET ANOTHER PRC ECONOMIC STUDY DELEGATION, THIS ONE FOCUSING ON AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, WILL BE VISITING EUROPE THIS SPRING. THE DELEGATION WILL COMPRISE 13 OFFICIALS AND 8 TECHNICIANS AND WILL BE LED BY A VICE MINISTER OF THE FIRST MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING, HSIANG NAN. OFFICIALS INCLUDE A VICE MINISTER OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, MA YI, AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES OF SHANTUNG AND HONAN PROVINCES, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. THE NEXT WILL BEGIN IN ITALY IN LATE APRIL AND END IN THE UK IN EARLY JUNE. SOME DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL ALSO VISIT FRANCE AND DENMARK DURING THIS PERIOD.

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2. CHINSE OFFICIALS TOLD THE BRITISH THAT THE DELEGATION WILL BE SURVEYING AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGIES AND MAKING SOME DECISIONS ABOUT PURCHASES (THEY DID NOT SUGGEST THAT ACTUAL CONTRACTS WOULD BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT, HOWEVER).

3. COMMENT: THIS MISSION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN HURRIEDLY ORGANIZED AND THE BRITISH (AND PRESUMABLY OTHER CONCERNED COUNTRIES) ARE

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RUSHING TO MAKE PREPARATIONS. INCREASED CHINESE INTEREST IN
FOREIGN FARM MACHINERY WAS INDICATED LAST YEAR BY THE
SCHEDULING OF AN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY EXHIBITION IN PEKING
FOR THIS FALL, AND BY ACTUAL PURCHASES FROM THE US FIRMS
JOHN DEERE AND VALMONT.
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